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CHAPARRAL WILDFIRE UPDATE

Fire Name: Chaparral

Time/Date Started: 4:30pm on June 5, 2006

Time/Date Contained: 100% contained as of 7:30 am on June 6, 2006

Location: 13 miles Southeast of Cuba, New Mexico in the vicinity of Smokey Bear Hill about 1 mile west of the Chaparral Girl Scout Camp, located in the Jemez Mountains.

Legal Description: Township 19N; Range 1E; Section 15

Cause: Unknown, under investigation

Fuels: Ponderosa Pine, Oak

Size: 18 acres

Crews: 3 Type 1 hotshot crews

Equipment:

- 4 engines

Air Support:

- 1 Type 1 Helicopter
- 1 Type 2 Helicopter

Evacuation Clarification: An efficient precautionary evacuation was completed at the Chaparral Girl Scout Camp yesterday afternoon. Approximately 50 people who were assisting with or attending Forestry Camp (an outside user group using the Girl Scout Camp facilities) were bused to Eichwald Center in Cuba.

All Forestry Campers have been accounted for and have been picked up by their parents. All Girl Scout Camp staff have been accounted for and are currently completing their training in preparation for the beginning Rancho del Chaparral Girl Scout Camp this Friday, June 9th. No girl scouts were evacuated yesterday, just camp counselors. Parents are encouraged to bring their girls for their camp sessions this Friday.

Summary: Today, crews along with air support will be work on interior hot spots and mop up. Weather for the fire area today calls for continued high temperatures and low fuel moisture. Both wet and dry thunderstorms are possible this afternoon with associated erratic winds. The forecast for Tuesday evening and Wednesday includes lower temperatures and higher humidity.

